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Re forthcoming visit representative Ruhr mines who leaving today for United States, leading coal importer Bremen strongly recommends American coal importers decline negotiate with them re cancellation contracts and state instead they would consider proposals presented by German importers with whom contracts made. Importer feels Ruhr mines will take advantage presents situation and sign up German consumers for long periods with result US coal would be excluded from West German market for number years. Re contracts which unable cancel, importer fears they will get into squeeze between American exporters and German consumers if latter refuse pay duty and as result financial status importers who have built up market US coal may be endangered.

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